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(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY TURKEY (A/46/237)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by Turkey for the inclusion of an item entitled "The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (A/46/237).

2. Mr. AKSIN (Turkey), speaking on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, said that Bosnia and Herzegovina, a Member State, had been the victim of aggression and its sovereignty and territorial integrity had been violated. The continued fighting was inflicting enormous suffering on its inhabitants, and humanitarian assistance had been prevented from reaching those in need. Thousands were being subjected to massive human rights violations in detention camps, while the abhorrent practice of "ethnic cleansing" continued unabated.

3. Those responsible for the crimes against a Member State had ignored every Security Council resolution and had disregarded the concerns of the international community. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina had political, legal and humanitarian dimensions, but above all, it was a moral question. If the international community failed to meet that challenge, the post-war edifice being built within the United Nations framework would be undermined.

4. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

5. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.